(vi) The private hospital should sign the MOA in the prescribed format with the Government before it is granted recognition under CGHS for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries.

Release of funds under Family Welfare Programme to Andhra Pradesh

1950. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Family Welfare Programme for the year 2000-01, Government have yet to release the amount to the tune of Rs. 10633.89 lakhs to the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any request in this connection has been received for ealry release of balance amount; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to release the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The expenditure incurred by States on Family Welfare Programme during a financial year, in excess of the releases made by the Deptt. of Family Welfare during the year, is reimbursed to States in the form of 'Arrears' on receipt of Audited Statements of Expenditure from the concerned Accountant General of the State. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been paid all arrears on the basis of the Audited Statements of Expenditure furnished by the State upto the year 1999-2000.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not furnished the Audited Statements of Expenditure incurred on Family Welfare Programme during the year 2000-01. Therefore, even though the State might have incurred expenditure on the Family Welfare Programme a excess to the releases made during 2000-01, it is not possible to determine the quantum of excess expenditure reimbursable to the State as arrears.

No request from Andhra Pradesh for payment of arrears backed up with the Audited Statements of Expenditure after 1999-2000 is pending with the Department of Family Welfare.